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Blowing Rock Brings.

As spring advances green grass, song birds, flowers and drummers are in evidence—here's a welcome to all.

Mrs. Minnie Miller and daughters, the Misses Blanche, Olessea and Carrie have returned from a visit to relatives in Yadkin Valley and Black Mountain, the visit prolonged on account of measles.

Mrs. Thomas H. Coffey, after visiting friends in Wilkes county, returned last week, accompanied by Mr. Coffey, who made a visit to his old friend, Dr. C. J. Parlier, whose many friends in Watauga will rejoice to hear that the doctor is much improved in health, having gained in weight, and spirits, and plans visiting his old practicing ground.

Mr. Hill Cox, son of our former townsman, Mr. John Cox, of Elkville, recently visited friends here.

Mr. Herman S. Deal, of Alexander county, who is on a visit to relatives here, has been shipping mountain shrubbery to dealers in the north. And just here let us take notice of what the Charlotte Observer suggests: "The Board of Water Supply of New York City is advertising for hundreds of thousands of evergreens to plant along their waterways in the Catskill mountains." The Observer's notification is timely.

Messrs. Whittington and Lewis, of Greensboro, are here seeking work. Mr. Lewis at present acting as deputy mail carrier on the Lenoir route. Mr. Whittington filing saws and ready for any mechanical work in his line.

Mr. W. C. Vannoy is fitting up his store on Main Street where he will soon open an up-to-date photographic gallery, giving good work at fair prices.

Some shifting about is being done here. Mr. George F. Coffey having purchased, has moved into the former dwelling of Leroy Bollinger, Esq., who is now occupying his new and attractive home on Randall Ridge. Mr. Jeff Hartley and family renting the West End property of Mrs. Louise Green, of Valle Crucis, and Prof. Hardin Brown living in the John Cox property.

Mr. E. B. Ward, Mrs. Ward and two younger children made a week-end visit to relatives at Patterson, Lenoir and other points in Caldwell county.

Mr. Marshall Pendley left last week for points in Watauga and while absent will attend Jefferson court in the interest of his particular line of goods—the Best brand of Coffee for Common Use.

Miss Elsie, daughter of our good citizens, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weedon, of "Fairview," her friends will be glad to learn, has so far recovered from her recent serious illness as to be able to go to Columbia, South Carolina, where she is undergoing treatment under Dr. Robert Gibbs, who has a summer home here.

Mr. C. A. L. Holshouser, of this town, his mother, "Aunt Sallie," Holshouser, and her daughters Mrs. N. L. Edmisten and Mrs. D. F. Trexler, of R. F. D., No. 1, left last week for an extended visit to relatives in Rowan county, stopping en route at Hickory, these good people among our best citizens, descendants of a substantial race of people who, years ago, emigrated here from Rowan, among them the Klutz and Lentz families, who also have helped to develop the resources of this interesting part of the world.

During the absence of "Uncle Lantz" Holshouser, his son-in-law, Mr. Newt Green and wife are attending to the store. It will be remembered that last year "Uncle Lantz" had the great misfor-

tune to lose his wife, a most estimable lady, a pun-hearted, good woman who had the respect of this entire community.

Thomas H. Coffey, Esq., having gotten the best grade in examination of the applicants for this Post office, falls heir to Post Master LeRoy Bollinger, the retiring official who has made an excellent record throughout his term of office.

We rejoice with Mr. Hardin Brown that he has secured a good position as carrier of Boone R. F. D. No. 1, but sorry to lose from our community so good a citizen who has in a short time won the favor of our people.

The Lenoir News is responsible for the statement that an electric railway between Lenoir and Boone, via Blowing Rock, is planned for the near future, credit given our enterprising citizen "Squire Tom" Coffey as promoter in the scheme, and be it remembered that Mr. Coffey was the first to introduce electricity into the lighting system of this town, his hotel (Watauga Inn) and grounds brilliantly lighted thereby, the other hotels and several private residences lighted by acetaline gas.

Mr. Norman Cordron, a traveling salesman for a wall paint and oil house in Richmond, Va., spent last week with his family who have been wintering here, their former home in Washington, N. C.

Mr. Wyatt Hayes of Howard's Creek is visiting his son, Henry of H. C. Hayes & Co., prosperous merchants of our town who now own the former stand of the Blowing Rock Mercantile Co.

The weekly town meetings held on Mondays, are, by no means weekly meetings, judging by the great number of men and boys who, rain or shine, wind, snow, sleet, hail, thunder and lightning, moon-shine, star-light or the black darkness of Egypt attend regularly and listen intently to the debates thereat and with enthusiasm taking part in the arguments for or against the system of "cleaning up" introduced by the man who, more than any other in the history of this town, has done something toward making it sanitary. I refer to Doctor Brooks formerly of Greensboro, but now a valued citizen and property-owner who is brave enough to tell the people what he thinks of any one and everyone who will throw an obstacle in the way of progress, especially this movement which has done and is doing more than anything else to improve the healthfulness of this community and enhance the value of property therein, as well as add to the number of visitors who frequent this already justly popular summer resort. The ministers of this town wonder how they can attract to the Sunday services the same crowd who never miss a town meeting, one half of those attending it rarely if ever entering a church door. Surely there is something radically wrong, when the church, the institution which alone boasts of spiritual reform, fails to attract the educated and traveled portion of our winter population.

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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

The State Banker's Association will be in session in Raleigh May 12-14.

The Sims bill to repeal the tolls exemption clause of the Panama Canal act was passed by the House on the 31st, 248 to 162.

Elkin has voted bonds to the amount of \$3,000 to be used in the construction of a school building.

H. T. Price whose home is supposed to be in Asheville was killed by a train at Barbers Junction, Rowan County on Tuesday of last week.

More than \$1,000 worth of jewelry was taken by robbers from the home of Mrs. Jesse Skinner in Elizabeth City on the night of the 29th ult. while the family was at church.

Charged with robbing post office lock-boxes at Canton, Haywood county, Hugh Denton, a 14-year old boy, is under \$500 bond to appear for trial in the Federal court.

William A. Martin, last survivor of the jury which convicted John Brown, died recently in Fairfax county, Virginia. He was the youngest member of the jury.

It is given out that Wilmington is to have a mammoth metal sheeted ware house for the benefit of the molasses importers of that city. It will cost approximately \$20,000.

The widow of the late John H. Mills, founder of the Oxford Orphanage, died last week at her home at Thomasville, at the age of 99 years.

Gov. Craig has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of James Bolejack, convicted of wife murder in Mecklenburg county. The Judge and Solicitor who tried the case signed a petition to the Governor.

It is announced that cotton seed oil mills in ten Southern States, including North Carolina have been acquired by the Union Seed and Fertilizer Company, a New Jersey corporation having an authorized capital of \$8,000,000.

The Gastonia Gazette has purchased a Babcock printing press and an Eclipse folder. With such improved facilities, the editors will be able to improve their already good; wide-awake paper.

The Bunn school district of Nash county, came out strong for better school facilities when, in an election on this point there were 28 votes cast for the tax as compared with 11 against, from a registration of 47.

C. C. Hutcherson, a flagman on the Norfolk & Southern railroad, was thrown from a work train near Wadeville, Montgomery county, a few days since and received injuries from which he died an hour later.

Losing his foothold on the pilot of his engine, C. D. Miller, a Southern Railway brakeman was thrown beneath his engine at Asheville and crushed to death. He was 21 years old, an employee of the railroad about a year, and was married last month.

The submerged hulk of the Old Dominion liner, Monroe, which sank off the coast of Virginia January 30th, with a loss of two score lives, was blown up a few days since by the revenue cutter, Onondaga. The hulk was considered a menace to navigation. Eight hundred and forty pounds of gun cotton were required to abolish it.

Advice when unsupported by deeds, often adds vice.

The Mountain Men's Class.

Charlotte Observer.

This pretty little story about mountain development comes to us by way of The Wall Street Journal: "Down on the Clinchfield line in North Carolina, where the mountains are the highest, there is a little Summer resort known as Alta Pass. The main features of the place are a railway station, a summer hotel and a little hospital. The good people who have made the hospital the center of a most praiseworthy kind of betterment work among the mountain folk, recently brought in the films, believing that they might be able to give to this neighborhood, whose members seldom travel, some idea of the outside world. The result was that after the first show was started the demand became so urgent that the exhibitors were forced to keep on repeating the films until 2 o'clock in the morning. But they are learning other things as well. President Mark Potter has turned an alfalfa expert loose along the line, and the people are learning by means of the movies how to fill the mountain cover with the best kind of livestock."

And to this The Observer will add another little story. A woman started this work at Alta Pass under the old theory that she was "missionary" among the po' whites. When the mountain people realized that this was the idea of the benevolence, they rebelled and for some time remained unapproachable. There was a reorganization of the plan of operators and the inhabitants of the region were invited to come in as people of intelligence and character, the equal in moral worth of their "benefactors," and from that day the betterment work at Alta Pass began to prosper. "The influence of the Clinchfield people was directed toward intelligent cooperation and the sympathies of the mountaineers were at once enlisted. "Missionaries" who would achieve similar success in dealing with the people of the North Carolina mountains must rid themselves at the start of any idea that they are dealing with po' whites. The promoters of the Alta Pass movement were quick to appreciate this fact, shaped their plans accordingly and in consequence have built up a spirit of community development that is working wonders in that section of the mountains.

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A Great Movement.

Charity and Children.

In the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte a movement has been started for a reformatory for fallen women provided by the state. It is proposed to go before the next Legislature and urge an appropriation for the establishment of this institution. Charlotte has a Crittenden Home but this is purely local as they all are; the establishment of such a home by the State would fill a far larger need. Why should we not have such an institution sustained by the State? We have our home for old soldiers and feeble minded, our asylums for the insane, our schools for the deaf, dumb and blind but nowhere in the world for these wretched women who are driven from town to town and offered neither shelter nor bread. Not all of them will reform—perhaps very few of them—it is the duty of the State to give them a chance and thus clear its own skirts. Besides, it ought to be remembered that these women of the underworld are often sent there by brutes in human form who enjoy the favor of so-called society, and who sometimes dance the tango with innocent girls. Their victims are denied not only the smiles of the social world, but even the rude comforts of the poor. They are outcasts, and live out their lives wretched and forlorn to die at last in want and be buried in the potters field. And yet the people of North Carolina are Christians in name if not in fact! We are glad this movement has been started, and we hope it will gain such momentum by the first of January next, that the General Assembly will be obliged to give it favorable consideration.—Charity and children.

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